

Marshfield Conservation Commission

102nd Meeting

3rd August 2016

Members Attending: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Ed Jalbert, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, Annie Reed (Chair)

Minutes: Approved with minor changes

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance of Conservation Fund is \$ 6,773
- Operating Budget \$ 276
- Ed passed along request for beaver baffle for culverts on Thompson Rd; materials would be \$500. Members questioned whether necessary since beaver no longer occupy the area.
- Members questioned whether appropriate to utilize Stranahan Stewardship fund first since proceeds from the forest are placed there for projects such as this.
- **Allen** will renew our \$50 membership to AVCC. Approved unanimously
- Annie mentioned **Oct 22nd AVCC summit at Lake Morey** at \$30 for member registration

Membership:

- Jess Rubin has resigned; need to propose new members to SB
- **Ed** and **Annie** will approach some folks
- **Annie** will post on FPF

Invasive Mapping:

- Annie needs maps north CG RD
- Anne needs maps for her section up to Brook Rd
- **Bob** will try to provide these.

Jens Visit: Sept Meeting

- Location: usual space.
- Members will look for screen
- Invited SSC and PC
- Will devote entire meeting to presentation
- **Annie** will come early to set up
- **Taber, Sarah, & Bob** will bring munchies. **Allen** beverages

Road Work:

- Bob mentioned a population of Japanese knotweed that appeared in a 20 ft area along Holt Rd following digging out of culverts by town road crew. Previously there was no Knotweed on the entire loop: Holt & Maple Hill Rds.
- **Bob** will discuss w/ Danny

- Will possibly follow up with letter to SB
- **Note:** following the meeting Bob left a message at town garage. On Sat, the 6th he dug up all the plants. Some plants had large roots and rhizomes so likely brought in on fill.

Beaver Baffles:

- Annie met with Danny & Tyler Brown & visited various sites in Lanesboro, Beaver Meadow, Brook Rd
- Baffles need routine maintenance; Tyler suggests grates which can be more easily cleaned.
- Brook Rd & beaver Meadow ok for now. Will get back re. Lanesboro.

Planning Commission:

- Unknown whether rescheduled forum and whether pursued village center designation
- Anne will call John to find out.
- **Bob** will check on focus for grants

Natural Marshfield:

- 3rd Thursday of the month
- 1st meeting Mike Saborin Aug 18th @ 8. He will speak on moths with field trip to follow
- Anne is working on other topics

Stranahan Town Forest:

- Ed has volunteered to be the liason
- Ed went to SSC meeting. Rich Phillips is chair and Ellen Cooke is Sec
- Mt Bike group wants to extend trail; Ed mentioned that MCC wants to be involved.
- The SS committee did some trail work and mowing
- Map & draft MOU for proposed bike trail are posted on town website.
- Annie drafted a letter w/ following points re. the proposed bike trail
 - Need to assess impact of 1st trail before subsequent trails approved
 - All season trail? Who would enforce
 - All streams should be bridged
 - Trails need to be superimposed over other use map to view conflicts
 - VLT would need to approve areas covered by easement, i.e. buffer areas
 - Modern multi use trail but zigs & zags so not likely used by walkers
- Joint meeting with **Middlesex CC will be Sunday Aug 28th at 9Am**

Martin Covered Bridge:

- Fow screened some trees, need to apply paint to larger trees before too cold.
- **Ed** will talk with folks about dates of mowing on town lands.

Other Business:

- Need to find copy of bylaws

Citizen Science:

- Annie posted invitation to participate in phenology study on FPF but no response

Submitted by : Bob Popp

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Accepted on: _____